MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Were the applications, according to which transfers have been granted, anterior to the applications that had already been pending or subsequent to them?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No detailed enquiry has been made. But I may invite the attention of the member to the assurance conveyed last Thursday by the Acting Director of Public Instruction, the member in charge of the Department of Education, which runs as follows:—"In deference to the wishes of the House, I shall make an enquiry, call for the papers regarding applications for transfers, and see to what extent the orders of Government have been carried out." Such an enquiry will be made in respect of all applications both in the Inspector's office and the Inspectress's office.

X-ray Apparatus.

22. MR C. SANKARA MENON (*Quilon*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the X-ray apparatus, now lying unutilised "as a lumber appendage which exists as a mere show," referred to in the report of the Medical Department for 1098 was purchased;

(*b*) the price paid for it and the cost of fitting it up and its upkeep per year;

(*c*) whether it was for any period in working order, and, if so, when and for how long;

(*d*) whether an Assistant Surgeon was not deputed to undergo special training in Madras in the use of X-ray apparatus and in the diagnosis of diseases;

(*e*) whether he was in charge of the X-ray department, and, if so, for what period; and

(*f*) whether any other medical officer was trained under him?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) In the year 1086 M. E.

(*b*) £ 176-7-11, Rs. 930, and Rs. 175-26-2, respectively.

(*c*) Yes. Till the end of 1097.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Yes. Till 1090.

(*f*) Yes.

MR. C. SANKARA MENON (*Quilon*): With reference to the answer to part (*e*), may I know from what period to what period the officer was in charge of the X-ray department?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): From 1086 to 1090.

Work of Mr. G. Raman Pillai, Bacteriologist.

23. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Dr. G. Raman

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Pillai is entrusted with the duty of preparing vaccines for injection into the human system?

(*b*) Is it a fact that he was asked to hold *post mortem* examinations?

(*c*) What steps have been taken to prevent the vaccines for inoculation from being infected?

(*d*) Is it a fact that Dr. G. Raman Pillai made a representation to the Government that the vaccines prepared by him might get infected if he held *post mortem* examination also at the same time?

(*e*) Is it a fact that he was reprimanded for pointing out this danger?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No; he was asked as a pathologist to attend and co-operate in the conduct of *post mortems* in the Central Prison for investigation purposes.

(*c*) All necessary steps have been taken.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) No.

Deputation of Medical Officers to Europe for advanced Studies.

24. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have any idea of sending any medical officers to Europe for further medical studies at State cost?

(*b*) If so, will they be pleased to name the persons whom they intend to depute, the subject or subjects in which they have to specialise and their academical qualifications?

(*c*) What is the probable cost the Government will have to incur in the shape of study leave allowance during their deputation?

(*d*) What is the principle adopted in selecting candidates for the grant of study leave?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) to (*d*) The member's attention is invited to the provisions of the *Service Regulations* regarding Study Leave Rules. Any recommendation on the part of the departmental head for the grant of study leave to any member of his staff will be disposed of under those rules.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have any idea of sending any medical man on study leave at present?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government cannot say anything at present.

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